
21. A composition of matter comprising:

cleaned SiO₂ grain of natural quartz, said grain having less than 20 ppb by weight of iron, less than 30 ppb by weight of manganese, less than 50 ppb by weight of lithium, and less than 20 ppb by weight of each of chromium, copper, and nickel.

22. The composition of matter of Claim 21, wherein the grain has less than 5 ppb by weight of iron.

23. The composition of matter of Claim 21, wherein the grain has less than 5 ppb by weight of manganese.

24. The composition of matter of Claim 21, wherein the grain has less than 5 ppb by weight of lithium.

25. The composition of matter of Claim 21, wherein the grain has less than 1 ppb by weight of each of chromium, copper and nickel.

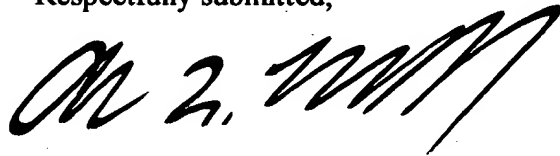
REMARKS

The claims herein have been amended to cast them in a more appropriate U.S. claim format, and to eliminate multiple dependency. Early allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants also submit herewith a PTO 1449 listing the references cited in the International Search Report. Copies of these references are believed to have already been sent to the U.S.P.T.O. by the International Bureau.

Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone attorney for applicants at 212-682-9640.

Respectfully submitted,

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